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In re Patent Application of:

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For: Metal Containers Having an Easily Openable End

and Method of Manufacturing the Same

Examiner: Elena T. Lightfoot

AMENDMENT "A" AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows. Reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.